



## ***Absolutely True Diary Of A Part-Time Indian – Reading Guide***

**Setting:** Wellpinit / Reardan, Washington State, modern times

**Characters:** Junior (Arnold Spirit)

Junior's Mom

Junior's Dad

Rowdy

Mary

Mr. P

Roger

Penelope

Junior's Grandmother

Eugene

Gordy

Coach

**Techniques:** use of title/epigraph

setting(s)

point of view

characterization

choice of detail

conflict (person vs. self, person, society, nature)

symbolism

narrative pace

choice of illustrations

theme(s)

**Pages 1-6**

The Black-Eye-of-the-Month Club

QUOTE

TECHNIQUE

**Pages 7-31**

Why Chicken Means So Much To Me      ★      Revenge Is My Middle Name

Because Geometry is not a Country Somewhere Near France      ★      Hope Against Hope

QUOTE

TECHNIQUE

**Pages 32-73**

Hope Against Hope ★      Go Means Go ★      Rowdy Sings the Blues  
How to Fight Monsters ★      Grandmother Gives me Some Advice  
QUOTE

TECHNIQUE

**Pages 74-100**

Tears of A Clown ★      Halloween ★      Slouching Toward Thanksgiving  
My Sister Sends me an e-mail  
QUOTE

TECHNIQUE

**Pages 101-129**

Thanksgiving ★ Hunger Pains ★ Rowdy Gives Me Advice About Love  
Dance, Dance, Dance  
QUOTE

TECHNIQUE

**Pages 130-151**

Don't Trust Your Computer ★ My Sister Sends Me a Letter ★ Reindeer Games  
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree  
QUOTE

TECHNIQUE

**Pages 152-178**

Red Versus White ★ Wake ★ Valentine Heart  
QUOTE

TECHNIQUE

**Pages 179-199**

In Like a Lion ★ Rowdy and I have a Long and Serious Discussion About Basketball  
QUOTE

TECHNIQUE

## Pages 200-230

Because Russian Guys are not Always Geniuses ★ My Final Freshman Year Report Card  
Remembering ★ Talking About Turtles  
QUOTE

## TECHNIQUE

### "The Absolutely True Diary of a..."

**Your task: to write a personal narrative exploring what it means to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

Fill in the blank with a word or phrase that defines your personal identity. Remember that this identity usually has many accompanying stereotypes; use your writing to add complexity to this *single story*. Consider the assumptions and beliefs, both obvious and subtle, that your peers might have about this identity. Choose details that show the reality about what being "X" involves. Reread "Superman and Me," "The Black-Eye-Of-The-Month-Club" (pages 1-6) or "Why Chicken Means So Much to Me" (pages 7-14) for models.

Your narrative should include all the following components:

- ☐ Specific story that illustrates a truth about this identity
- ☐ Dialogue with correct formatting
- ☐ Internal reflection of the significance of this identity
- ☐ Drawing of visual in any style that adds meaning to the narrative